and by supportive treatment. However casas showing haemorrhagic manifestation are treated with intravenous fluid and plasma and blood transfusion indicated in cases of severe bleeding.

There is no report indicating doctors not giving proper treatment to the dengue patients admitted in the hospitals.

Exchanging of New-born Babies in Hospitals

524. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cases of new-born baby exchange in the Hospitals in the capital are increasing;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the month of October, 1988, a case of exchange of new born baby has come to light from the Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi;

(c) whether Government propose to fix responsibility in such cases; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take against those involved in such exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) The enquiry regarding the case of exchange of baby in Safdarjang Hospital in October, 1988 is being conducted by the Additional Director General, Dr. A. K. Mukherjee, the report is still awaited.

Newsitem captioned "Pollution in Space Hampers Vision"

525. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in 'The Indian Express' dated the 17th October, 1988 under the caption "Pollution in space hampers vision";

(b) if so, whether according to the International Astronomical Union, the Astronomers had been facing this form of pollution for the last few years; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard and further steps proposed to be contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been reported that occasionally, due to radio interference, space debris and in some cases even the outdoor lighting the ground-based and even space-based observations of the astronomy scientists tend to get distorted. This finding was also presented in a paper during the International Astronautical Federation Congress held in Bangalore during October 8—15, 1988.

(c) For the purpose of radio astronomy, specific frequency bands are reserved. It is also ensured that these frequencies are not used for any other purpose. There has been no addition to the problem of space debris due to Indian Space Programme.

Vacancies of Judges in Supreme Court/ High Courts

526. SHRI D. B CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several posts of judges are lying vacant in the Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) if so, the details of posts of judges lying vacant and since when;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is lethargic in appointing judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts; and

(d) if so, the reasons of delay in filling up the vacancies and by when the vacancies are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The requisite information as on 1-11-88 in respect of Supreme Court and the High Courts is given in the attached statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Selection of judges involves deliberation in consultation with the concerned constitutioal authorities and is a continuous process. Government make all possible efforts to ensure that vacancies of judges are filled expeditiously. It is, however, not possible to indicate any definite time by which the vacancies will be filled.

Statement

High Courts

Sl. No.	High Court	Vacancies		Date from which these are lying vacant	
		Pmt.	Addl.		
1	2		3	4	5
1	Allahabad	9	5	15-10-84	(A)
				15-10-84	(A)
				15-10-84	(A)
				15-10-84	(A)
				7-2-85	(A)
				19-11-87	(P)
				6-1-88	(P)
				30-1-88	(P)
				11-4-88	(P)
				12-5-88	(P)
				1-7-88	(P)
				15-7-88	(P)
				24-8-88	(P)
				6-9-88	(P)
2	Andhra Pradesh	6	2	26-11-82	(A)
				29-11-82	(A)
				17-10-87	(P)
				21-10-87	(P)
				2-2-88	(P)
				April, 88	(P)
				1-7-88	(P)
				26-10-88	(P)
3	Bombay	2	3	28-6-88	(P)
				18-10-88	(P)
				-10-88	(A)
				-10-88	(A)
				10-88	(A)
4	Calcutta	4	..	1-5-88	(P)
				20-5-88	(P)
				24-5-88	(P)
				20-7-88	(P)
5	Delhi	2	2	29-4-87	(A)
				23-10-87	(P)
				10-2-88	(A)
				17-3-88	(P)

1	2	3	4	5
6	Gauhati	1	..	15-3-88 (P)
7	Gujarat	3	3	7-6-84 (A) 26-6-84 (A) 2-4-85 (A) 3-12-87 (P) 23-7-88 (P) 21-10-88 (P)
8	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	23-9-86 (A) 24-1-88 (P)
9	Jammu & Kashmir	..	..	
10	Karnataka	3	..	8-2-88 (P) 14-2-88 (P) 5-4-88 (P)
11	Kerala	1	..	31-8-87 (P)
12	Madhya Pradesh	3	2	25-6-87 (P) 22-12-87 (P) 2-7-88 (A) 4-7-88 (A) 14-10-88 (P)
13	Madras	2	..	12-11-87 (P) 14-3-88 (P)
14	Orissa	1	1	26-6-86 (A) 5-9-87 (P)
15	Patna	6	..	17-11-87 (P) 2-1-88 (P) 2-1-88 (P) 2-3-88 (P) 11-8-88 (P) 23-10-88 (P)
16	Punjab and Haryana	1	..	4-8-88 (P)
17	Rajasthan	..	..	
18	Sikkim	1	..	21-1-86 (P)
	TOTAL	46	19	

P.....Post of Permanent Judge

A.....Post of Additional Judge

SUPREME COURT

Vacancies	*Date from which these are lying vacant*
11	8 vacancies arose on 9-5-86, when the sanctioned strength was raised from 18 to 26 Judges. 25-9-87 20-9-88 4-11-88